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PSC WIRELESS MEETING TO BE AUGUST 25 IN GRAND ISLAND

LINCOLN – A public meeting to examine the feasibility of regulating wireless telecommunications service in Nebraska will be held in Grand Island on August 25.

The meeting, which will be at 9 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall at 100 East First Street, will be conducted informally. Anyone who wishes to comment on various aspects of wireless service, including, but not limited to billing, advertising, service contracts, and quality of service, may make a presentation to the Public Service Commission.

Fourth District Commissioner Rod Johnson of Sutton will host the meeting. “We’re looking for public feedback on the public’s relations with their wireless providers,” Johnson said. “We’re trying to get a feel for whether wireless or cellular telephone service should be regulated in a similar fashion to how wireline telecommunications are regulated.”

Fifth District Commissioner Jerry Vap of McCook, who represents Howard County north of Grand Island and all counties west of Grand Island and Hastings, said, “Everyone in the state who is a wireless subscriber should be interested. We want to know what their experiences are and what they expect from their wireless providers.”

The Grand Island meeting will be one of eight throughout the state during August and September. The Commission is collecting information for a report to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Nebraska Legislature, in conducting an interim study on wireless regulation as directed by Legislative Resolutions LR 264 and LR 309.

“We will compile all information from the public and turn it over to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. We’re just looking for people to come forward,” Johnson said.

Other meetings have been held in Omaha, North Platte, McCook, and Fremont. Meetings will also be held in Norfolk and Scottsbluff. Individuals may also submit written comments by August 31 to the Public Service Commission at its offices in Lincoln care of P.O. Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509-4927 or via email to amelton@mail.state.ne.us.

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